



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that affects the function of the body's organs. Those affected by Sarcoidosis have overactive immune systems that cause damage to the person's tissues, resulting from the growth of inflammatory cells throughout the body. While the cause of this disease is currently unknown, research suggests that bacteria, viruses, or chemicals may trigger its onset; and

WHEREAS: Once considered rare, sarcoidosis is now relatively common and affects individuals worldwide. Though the disease can occur in those of any age or race, sarcoidosis is more frequent among adults between the ages of 20 and 40 in certain ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS: Sarcoidosis typically affects the lungs and lymph nodes, but those with the disease may also experience symptoms related to other organs, including the eyes, liver, salivary glands, sinuses, kidneys, heart, bones, muscles, brain, skin, and nervous system; and

WHEREAS: Sarcoidosis Awareness Month provides Georgia citizens the opportunity to learn more and promote public awareness of the disease. Organizations and individuals across the state are working to spread knowledge of the disease through event outreach, educational opportunities, and screening programs that promote lifesaving diagnostic testing for early detection; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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